The Least Restrictive Transportation Environment Continuum: What Every IEP Committee Should Know

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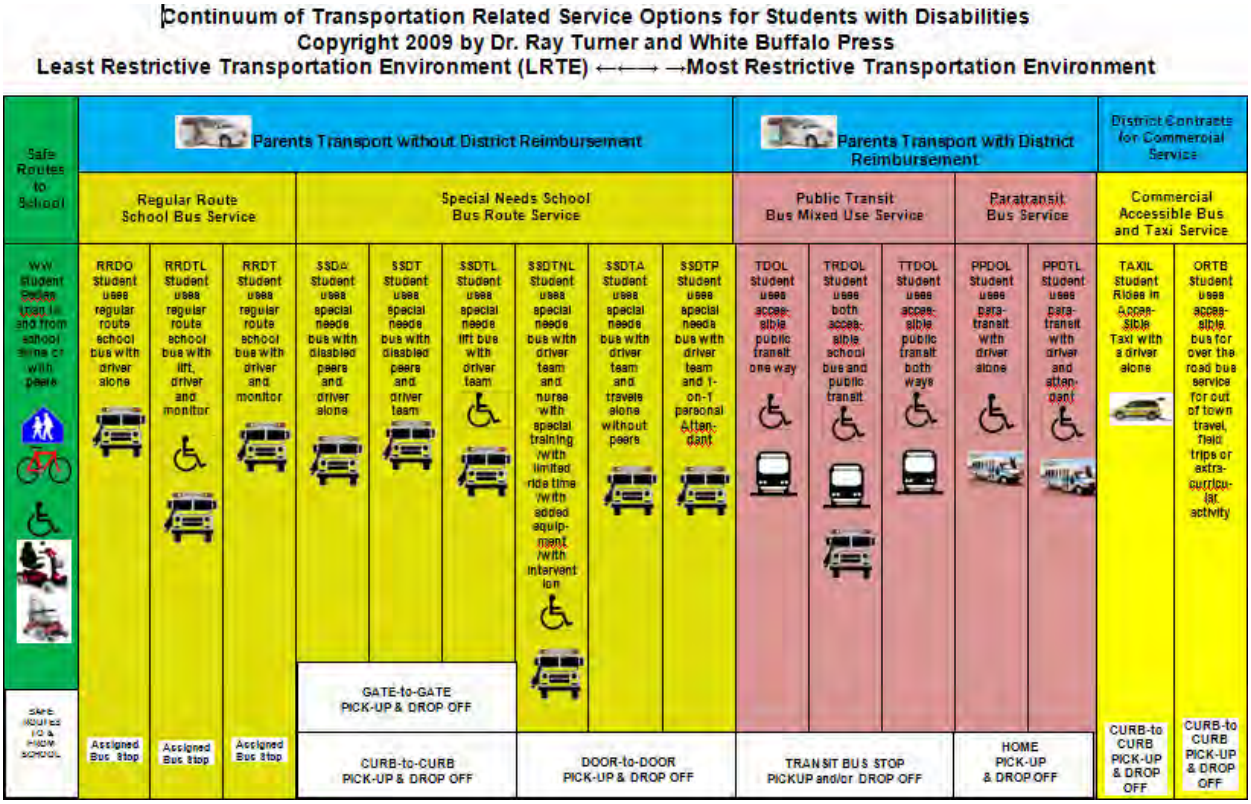
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Least Restrictive Transportation Environment (LRTE) ←←→→ Most Restrictive Transportation Environment
Safe Routes to School
Parents Transport without District Reimbursement
Parents Transport with District Reimbursement
District Contracts for Commercial Service
Regular Route School Bus Service
Special Needs School Bus Route Service
Public Transit Bus Mixed Use Service
Paratransit Bus Service
Commercial Accessible Bus and Taxi Service
WW student Walks/rides to and from school alone or with peers
RRDO student uses regular route school bus with driver alone
RRDTL student uses regular route school bus with lift, driver and monitor
RRDT student uses regular route school bus with driver and monitor
SSDA student uses special needs bus with disabled peers and driver alone
SSDT student uses special needs bus with disabled peers and driver team
SSDTL student uses special needs lift bus with driver team
SSDTNL student uses special needs bus with driver team and nurse with special training /with limited ride time /with added equipment /with intervention
SSDTA student uses special needs bus with driver team and travels alone without peers
SSDTP student uses special needs bus with driver team and 1-on-1 personal Attendant
TDOL student uses accessible public transit one way
TRDOL student uses both accessible school bus and public transit
TTDOL student uses accessible public transit both ways
PPDOL student uses para-transit with driver alone
PPDTL student uses para-transit with driver and attendant
TAXIL student Rides in Accessible Taxi with a driver alone
ORTB student uses accessible bus for over the road bus service for out of town travel, field trips or extra-curricular activity
SAFE ROUTES TO & FROM SCHOOL
Assigned Bus Stop
Assigned Bus Stop
Assigned Bus Stop
GATE-to-GATE PICK-UP & DROP OFF
CURB-to-CURB PICK-UP & DROP OFF
DOOR-to-DOOR PICK-UP & DROP OFF
TRANSIT BUS STOP PICKUP and/or DROP OFF
HOME PICK-UP & DROP OFF
CURB-to CURB PICK-UP & DROP OFF
CURB-to CURB PICK-UP & DROP OFF

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